Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

What is the amount of misappropriation involved in each case ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Requires notice.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Of the patel and the shanbhog, may I know who is superior to whom ?

Second Member of Council.—

That does not arise out of the question.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA (Holalkere Taluk) and MR. M. GURUSIDDAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the Compulsory Education scheme extended to Davangere town?

(*b*) Whether the scheme is still in force in the said area?

(*c*) Whether any prosecutions were launched under the said Regulation in Davangere since its extension to the said town?

(*d*) When was the present Compulsory Education Committee formed? Who are the members and Chairman of the said Committee?

(*e*) Whether the Compulsory Education Committee held any meetings since its formation and if so, how many times this Committee met and what business have they transacted?

(*f*) Whether any prosecutions were launched under the said Regulation after the formation of the present Committee? If so, how many? If not, why not?

(*g*) Whether the present Committee is doing any active work to enforce compulsory education in Davangere municipal area?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—9. (*a*) 22nd December 1914.

(*b*) Yes, it is in force.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Date of reconstitution—February 1926.

Chairman—

Mr. H. Subba Rao.

Attendance Officer—

The Head Master, Middle School.

Members—

Mr. T. Devendrappa.
,, Mahammad Ghouse Mirza Sahib.
,, Mahamad Valliyulla.
,, O. Channabasappa.
,, K. M. Doddappa.
The Amildar.
The Medical Officer.
The Head Master, High School.
The Assistant Inspector of Education.
The Head Master, Urdu Middle School.
The Vice-President, Town Municipality.

(*e*) Fifty-seven meetings are reported to have been held since the formation of the Committee.

Work done.—(1) Reviewing the attendance reports of schools and taking suitable actions regarding the absentees. (2) Other questions brought up for discussion at the meeting.

(*f*) One prosecution was launched and 147 notices were issued.

(*g*) The Committee is probably under the same difficulties as elsewhere and it is under contemplation to give some allowance to Attendance Officers and to peons serving with Attendance Committees. When this is done, more active work may be expected in all compulsory education centres.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. Channappa —

May I know how many meetings were held after the formation of the new Committee?

Secretary to Government, Development Departments.—

I want notice of this question.

Mr. G Channappa.—

Are Government aware that not even one meeting was held so far?

Secretary to Government, Development Departments.—

I want notice.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

What is the number of prosecutions launched after the new Committee was appointed?

Secretary to Government, Development Departments —

We have information about the total prosecutions but not the number after the new Committee was appointed.

Mr. B. Devagowda.—

Have Government taken suitable action where the rules have not been enforced?

Third Member of Council.—

There are Committees to enforce the rules and the District Educational Officers are also required to supervise the work.

Mr. B. Devagowda.—

Can necessary directions be given to the officers to see that the working of the scheme is properly supervised? Are there any difficulties in the way of the working of the scheme?

Third Member of Council.—

The Director of Public Instruction examines all these during his tours and he has also issued necessary circulars. The chief difficulty is that in many places the accommodation and staff are inadequate.

Mr. B. Devagowda.—

If these difficulties are not tackled, how can the scheme be worked?

Third Member of Council.—

Before enforcing compulsion, it is necessary to provide an adequate number of schools in the localities and this is a matter of funds which Government have not been able to provide. We may, therefore, leave alone the Compulsory Education Regulation for the present.

Mr. B. Devagowda.—

Then, why not abolish the Regulation?

Third Member of Council.—

That question might be considered by the Assembly when the Elementary Education Bill is placed before it during this session.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

If the Municipalities do not enforce compulsion, should not Government take notice of their conduct? For instance, what does the Davangere Municipality spend in regard to compulsory education?

Third Member of Council.—

That Municipality does not spend anything. The trouble is we have introduced compulsion without enforcing the responsibility of the Municipalities.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Is it not the responsibility of Government to see that the compulsory scheme is enforced in the notified areas?

Third Member of Council.—

It is self-evident. But to introduce compulsion a large amount of money would be required. The Municipalities have no responsibility for it at present, *i.e.*, it is not an obligatory duty imposed upon them to bear any part of the expenditure on account of this scheme.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

What is the good then of giving the responsibility to such Municipalities?

Third Member of Council.—

We have not given any responsibility to them.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Is it not the obligatory duty of the Municipality to look after Primary Education within its jurisdiction?

Third Member of Council.—

Please refer to the Regulation. There is no provision at

present fixing this responsibility on the Municipality. The idea now is to introduce an Elementary Education Regulation fixing a part of the responsibility on the Municipalities.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Can you not enforce that duty under the present Municipal Regulation?

Third Member of Council.—

There is no provision in the Regulation, but we are considering the question in connection with the Elementary Education Bill.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah —

If there is no such obligation on the Municipalities, why don't Government bring in an amendment to the Regulation?

Third Member of Council.—

The Elementary Education Bill will in effect be an amendment.

Mr. S. C. Malliah —

If the Municipality does not pay any contribution, should not this aspect have been considered by Government? Since, however, it has not been done, will you abolish the compulsory scheme till you provide for all these?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes, that seems to be a reasonable view. We shall consider that question.

MESSRS. N. CHANNABASAPPA and P. BASAPPA (Molakalmuru Taluk).—

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Since Marlahalli is a *Devadaya inam* village endowed to a Muzrai institution, have accounts been maintained to show the income and expenditure relating to this village ?

(*b*) If so, from what date have they been maintained ?

(*c*) Is it a fact that when the raiyats represented to Government the various troubles they were put by the present